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Special Despatch to THE SUN.  
ALBANY, April 16.—The Senate Judiciary Committee's inquiry into the alleged effort to bribe Senator George F. Thompson to get him to support the Carson-Martin increased tollage fare bill is to extend into next week even if the Legislature adjourns.

This was made evident at the end of a colorless session of the committee this afternoon during which the examination of Richard H. Burke, who Thompson says is the man who offered him the bribe, was completed by Judge L. Cheney, Deputy Attorney General.

The Judiciary Committee decided in executive session tonight that it will permit Senator Thompson to cross-examine Mr. Burke. The cross-examination will take place Friday afternoon. The Senator will not be permitted to ask questions himself, but can ask any question he wants through the Deputy Attorney General Cheney, the committee counsel, or through his own counsel, who may be Frank Moss.

Effort to Rush Inquiry.  
Every effort is to be made to rush through the inquiry so that it will not drag into next week, but there is no certainty that this can be accomplished. Samuel Beardsley, counsel for the Consolidated Gas Company, is to be a witness to-morrow.

A representative of the Attorney General's office is to be sent to-morrow to the home of John B. Stanchfield, at Ithaca, to get what testimony he may want to offer. Mr. Stanchfield will be asked to answer a number of questions that will be prepared by Mr. Cheney.

Senator Thompson announced that he desires to cross-examine Mr. Burke, and it will take him over the week end to go through his files, to prepare his questions and to look over Mr. Burke's testimony.

Another reason for delay comes in the fact that the committee must send a New York to get the testimony it wants from John B. Stanchfield, the Shonts attorney, who is recovering from influenza. This probably will take a week or two and prevent completion of the committee's work this week.

Mr. Burke had completed another of his stump speeches to the committee, telling them to be sure and ask Senator Thompson about the burning of the Shonts letters or memoranda and was turning away when Senator Thompson asked: "You are not going to let Mr. Burke go, are you?"

"We are through with him," said Chairman Alvah W. Burlingame, Jr., of the Judiciary Committee.

"Well, I would like to cross examine him," declared Senator Thompson.

"Why, you made a charge against me and I want to know about it," asserted Senator Thompson.

Turning to Chairman Burlingame, Senator Thompson said: "I want him put under subpoena so he won't get out of the State."

"He is still under subpoena," said Mr. Burlingame, and then Senator Thompson declared that "you better get his address so you can get to get him when you want him."

"He has shown no disposition to get away," commented Senator Clayton R. Lusk of Cortland.

"Well, so long as you take the responsibility for his appearance I don't care," said Senator Thompson.

"Do I understand that Senator Thompson, as the complainant, will be allowed to question Mr. Burke?"

"The committee will decide that," Chairman Burlingame assured him.

"Well, I have business out West, but I will wait," said Mr. Burke. "So far as my running out of the State is concerned, that is a joke."

The entire hearing this afternoon was confined to the examination of Mr. Burke, who repeatedly told the committee that as he had been accused of a felony, he wanted to make sure he told everything right.

Says Glynn Was Intermediary.  
There is no doubt now that before the inquiry is ended Senator Thompson himself will have something to say. He declared to-day that it was George A. Glynn, chairman of the Republican State Committee, who told him former Gov. Whitman was going to see him. Mr. Whitman testified yesterday that the Senator had called him on the telephone, but afterward told the committee Mr. Glynn had suggested the bribe. Mr. Glynn, who repeatedly told the committee that he did not work for or get money from the Consolidated Gas Company or the Interborough, but actually worked for Senator Thompson, although he admitted he did not get any money for it.

"Senator Thompson wanted me to impress the gas, light and railway companies with his ability to do certain things," Burke told the committee.

Mr. Burke rehearsed again the time he took Senator Thompson to see Nicholas P. Brady, and said why he told the committee that he didn't say much because he "wanted Mr. Brady to do the talking." He said that he went into the room with this announcement: "Gentlemen, before you have any conversation I want it distinctly understood that I am not here to buy or sell anything. What Thompson says or does I am not responsible for."

Mr. Burke told the committee that "Thompson had a mania for having investigating committees appointed with himself as chairman," and alleged that Thompson's request he had Judge Samuel Beardsley call up Ira Place, vice-president of the New York Central, about a committee to investigate "Death" or Eleventh avenue in New York. He said Mr. Beardsley told him Mr. Place turned down the project, and he then presented it personally to A. H. Smith, president of the New York Central lines, who took similar action. Mr. Burke also told about taking Senator Thompson to Judge Beardsley and the latter going into Mr. Brady's office with him.

"Mr. Brady's father was my particular friend," Mr. Burke again told the committee. "He helped me get contracts with the R. R. Co."

Burke told the Judiciary Committee that it was at Senator Thompson's request he called frequently on C. G. M. Thomas, treasurer of the Consolidated Gas Company, and its counsel, Henry Hemmens, and brought from them to Senator Thompson typewritten statements wherein they recommended amendments to the Public Service reorganization bill Senator Thompson drafted. Burke alleged that Thompson included all of them in the bill, kept one, and sent Sophie Irene Loch's influence bid

my passage of the bill because Senator Thompson thought so much of her support. The committee had a good laugh when Mr. Burke told of attending a Billers session during the Public Service probe, when one of the group was "a little man who had a very intelligent looking bald head." He later said this was J. Frank Smith, an associate counsel of the Public Service probe committee.

Burke told about Justice Robert F. Wagner, then a Senator, walking into a room where he, Senator Thompson, Mr. Thomas and Mr. Hemmens were talking.

"He saw who was there, walked out and shut the door," said Burke.

Mr. Burke testified that he gets 15 per cent on contracts he sells for the Federal Signal Company of Albany, of which A. H. Renshaw is president, and Don C. Setzer of New York is business manager. He told of contracts for \$350,000 that he has secured, which net him about \$125,000.

Burke was asked when he left the Aqueduct police force and admitted that charges had been preferred against him by the Board of Water Commissioners and that he was "in the hands of the shield on the table and put a one armed man in my place."

He said he couldn't take a place on the New York police force at \$1500 because he couldn't live on that amount of money.

He was asked if he ever had anything to do with the case of setting a net, aided by Capt. Goddard of the Goddard Anti-Police Society, to catch a Western Union official who was being sent into poolrooms for race-track rambles.

Burke appeared indignant at the end of his examination. He told the committee that after four and a half years of acquittal by Senator Thompson and all he had done for him what he got was a charge that he had offered him a half million dollar bribe fund.

Intelligence of a baboon," Burke declared.

THOMPSON IS EXONERATED.  
Home Church Trustee Says Shortage Charge Is "Rot."

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MINOR, April 16.—That Senator George F. Thompson of this place was never in any way implicated in a shortage of church funds and that the story, which was being developed through political jealousy five years ago and absolutely disproven at that time, was without any foundation, is the burden of statements issued here to-night by the Rev. Dr. J. W. Horner, pastor of the Methodist Church, and Burt M. Braddock, chairman of the church board of trustees.

"There is not now nor never was a word of truth in the statement," said Rev. Dr. Horner. "This is an old, discredited story that Mr. Burke is evading by being coached by the powerful enemies of Senator Thompson to revive at this time." Chairman Braddock of the board of trustees of the same church said the story "is all rot."

TO END SESSION IN  
ALBANY SATURDAY

Lawmakers Likely to Adjourn  
After Passing State Income Tax Bill.

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ALBANY, April 16.—After long sessions of the Senate and Assembly to-night, during which debates were sharp and at times personal, adjournment of the 1919 Legislature next Saturday seemed sure. The only question arises over the passage of the State income tax bill, and the Republican leaders feel certain they can put this measure through. A bill to provide machinery for collecting the tax was introduced to-night.

One measure passed the Power municipal ownership bill by a vote of 23 to 22. The Democrats being joined as usual by the four Republican insurgents.

The Assembly, complying with the plan of the Republican majority as arranged last night in a caucus, started efforts to get the minimum wage and eight hour bill for women up for passage to-night.

It was expected that the bill would be accomplished defeat of the health insurance, hydro-electric and municipal ownership legislation.

Against the action the Republican insurgency in the Senate is cracking, and if the adjournment resolution is not passed in the upper house to-morrow it probably will be by Friday.

Again to-day the Democrats and Republicans insurgents, with 26 votes against 25, controlled by J. Henry Walter, Republican leader, were able to postpone consideration of the adjournment proposal.

During the voting to-day on the motion to postpone consideration of the adjournment resolution, Senator Fredrick M. Davenport of Oneida, one of the insurgents, declared he would not vote to set a date for adjournment until after "an amicable conference" and an agreement is reached on the tax programme.

As a result the Republican Senators will confer after to-night's session.

Heated arguments between Senators were the rule during the Senate session. When the municipal ownership bill was being passed Senator George F. Thompson, on whose statements the bribe inquiry was begun, told how there had been taken from the bill jokers which might have resulted in a 10 cent fare in the New York subway.

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## LOAN CANYASSERS TO ACCEPT CASH

Will Be Authorized to Accept  
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IDENTIFIED BY CARDS

Belgian Veterans Visit Stock  
Exchange and Then Go to  
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New and picturesque features galore, and a canvassing and speaking programme even more thorough and far reaching than that which made the Fourth Liberty Loan so successful, are planned for New York during the Victory Loan Campaign. While the actual opening of the Loan drive will not take place until Monday next, plans are ready practically complete for a whirlwind of exhortation by agents animate and inanimate which will keep the loan force-motivated in the mind of every person in the city until the subscription books are finally closed.

While the general plan for the selling campaign will not differ greatly from that employed with success in previous loans there will be some modifications. The most important change will be in authorizing canvassers to accept payments in full for the new issue instead of initial payments only.

Carry Identification Cards.  
Each of these canvassers will be instructed to show an official identification card upon request. The identification cards bear the Treasury seal and the name of the Government Loan Organization. Canvassers operating in Manhattan will have cards bearing the signature of A. M. Anderson, Director of the Government Loan Organization, as well as that of J. W. Horner, chairman of the Metropolitan Canvass Committee in Manhattan.

Canvassers authorized by the Woman's Committee and the Bronx will carry cards signed by Mr. Anderson and by Katherine B. Barnes, metropolitan chairman of the Woman's Committee. The canvassers in Brooklyn will have their cards countersigned by Mr. Anderson and by E. P. Maynard, chairman of the Brooklyn Liberty Loan Committee.

Those who represent the committee in the Bronx will have cards bearing Mr. Anderson's name. The signature of the metropolitan canvassers will be on the left hand side of the card.

The following official statement of the details of the new plan was given at the time of signing subscription cards. Many people do not realize that they may save considerable time by making their payments directly to an authorized canvasser. This organization will put into operation the opening of this campaign a plan by which subscribers to Victory notes may make their payments directly to authorized canvassers at the time of signing subscription cards. Identification cards carried by these canvassers authorize them to receive money on subscriptions and to deliver official receipts therefor.

"Every person making a payment to a canvasser should insist upon seeing his or her identification card in order to be sure of the right of such representative to collect the money. The subscriber should take care to obtain the official receipt."

Brokers Cheer Belgians.  
More than fifty motor cars equipped as complete travelling banks will be used for the sale and delivery on the spot of bonds and small denominations. They will be stationed in the business districts during the day and in the theatrical section at night.

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A Link With the Future.  
This improvement, Mr. McAneny said, means more to the city than appears on the surface, for it is a big link in the city plan of the future. He criticized the old city arrangements, which brought about tremendous pressure on Fifth avenue. But he was opposed to the plans for cutting new avenues between the existing north and south arteries, favoring instead a better use of the latter thoroughfares.

"I wish," he said, "that more sections of the city could fall into the hands of single groups of men with united ideas, and that they would 'hang together' architecturally. We have lacked uniformity of architecture too much."

Mr. Dowling told of the difficulties encountered in putting the improvement through and related his negotiations with the New York Railways Company in endeavoring to have the traction company charge its switch and grade for the new system.

"When I took office," he said, "that a day's work had been done on the ramp

and the viaduct, and there had been a debate for fifteen years about a general reconstruction between Thirty-second and Forty-fifth streets. In fifteen months, however, I have been able to turn over to you the two much needed improvements."

Depew Place Is Needed.  
He asserted that they would not be complete until the city had obtained Depew place, now owned by the New York Central, which runs along the westerly side of the terminal and which the railroad officials maintain is necessary for the exclusive use of their express trucks in handling baggage and should not be open to the ordinary traffic.

Concerning the railroad's plan for remedying this, Mr. Dowling professed to find objections in the New York Central's offer to turn over Depew place in consideration for the city's handing over to the railroad the city block at Forty-fifth street and Park avenue. The proposition, he stated, called for the building of a ramp from Forty-third street and Depew place, running north and turning into Forty-fifth street, which would lead to an arcade through the station similar to that in the Municipal Building at Chambers street.

"I have one other thing in mind," added Mr. Dowling, "which is the removal of the elevated structure from Forty-second street. I have gone to Albany for relief, which I hope to get by the end of the session. Either by agreement or by condemnation I mean to clear Rockefeller street from river to river and make it one of the principal thoroughfares of the city."

The Interborough would not lose money, but rather would be more likely to gain with this structure eliminated. But of course there are the majority stockholders, Rockefeller and the Gould family, to be considered.

Memorial Theatre Suggested.  
Lively interest was evoked by the remarks of Mr. Bowman, who said the evidence of distress on the part of individual families will be a valuable addition to the facts concerning housing conditions now being gathered by the housing committee in its survey of "intolerable conditions" are sending in their complaints, hoping the commission will be able to do something about it.

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Tenants Fear Landlords.  
Many tenants do not sign their names to complaints. They frankly declare signatures would be dangerous. They say if they made known their names, "greedy landlords" would evict them. There is no more dreadful threat, however, than the possibility of being evicted. The majority of affidavits signed as evidence of good faith.

"Our house was sold last month and my mother and I (we live on different blocks) was ordered out," wrote a woman in the Bronx. "I have been looking for rooms or houses to let six weeks and am at last to-day as when I started, having three little boys who will not be admitted anywhere I want. Real estate people give me no hope and no 'let' signs are being put out. In fact, I have lost my health in these rooms and my doctor ordered me to leave. I have a unsanitary house you would hardly find, leaking gas and plumbing, no house cleaning having been done in four years, but the new owner demanded \$9 increase to-day. In all the county there don't seem to be a place for me. I'd gladly pay \$20 he demands if he'd just let me move, but we have only one room and I can't have three little boys and can keep and feed them, but the street is the only place where I can get help soon to advise an American born girl."

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